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1. IN PARTICIPATING IN WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS, USDEL SHOULD ATTEMPT TO STEER DRAFTING TOWARD GENERALIZED AND RELATIVELY SHORT FORMULATION, AVOIDING DEGREE OF SPECIFILIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CITY INHERENT IN SOVIET DRAFT. IN DOING SO, USDEL SHOULD STRESS FOLLOWING TWO POINTS:

- -- UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) IS PROPER FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES.
- -- ALTHOUGH UNESCO CAN AND SHOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF DIS-

ARMAMENT EFFORTS, UNESCO SHOULD NOT MAKE DETAILED OR SPECIFIC ENDORSEMENTS OF PARTICULAR PROPOSALS WHICH ARE BEFORE APPROPRIATE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT BODIES. NEITHER SHOULD UNESCO ATTEMPT TO OUTLINE A DESIRED COURSE FOR DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS, OR PREJUDGE THE SHAPE OF OVERALL DISARMAMENT EFFORTS.

-- HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO A UNESCO RESOLUTION

WHICH EXPRESSES ENCOURAGEMENT FOR DISARMAMENT EFFORTS AND HOPE FOR A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE SSOD.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE SPECIFICS OF THE SOVIET DRAFT, WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN PARAS 1, 4, 10, 11, 14, 18, AND 19. THESE PARAS, WE FEEL, COULD FORM THE BASIS FOR AN ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION. IN ADDITION, IF THERE APPEARS SIGNIFICANT INTEREST USDEL MAY ACCEPT THE IDEA OF A DISCUSSION OF THE SSOD BY THE NEXT EXBD (PARA 7), ALTHOUGH WE WOULD WANT SUCH A DISCUSSION TO REMAIN GENERAL. PARA 20 OF THE SOVIET DRAFT WOULD BECOME ACCEPTABLE IF THE WORD "WORKERS" WERE REPLACED BY THE PHRASE "PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS". VANCE

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